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Washington, D. C. To-NIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS. Atsaven's-Fanny Davenport in 'La Tosca. National.-Francis Wilson in "The Oolah." Brice-"The Pakir." KERNAN's-Rentz-Santley Burlesque Company

GLORD-Variety. WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 1, 1899.

THE HOUSE CHAPLAIN prays that the members may have wisdom. There is such a thing as religious irony.

GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS has, without participation in a competitive examfnation, been appointed chancellor of the New York State University.

GERONIMO, THE blood thirsty Apache of years ago, is now teaching a Sundayschool. And Speaker Reed, who used to teach a Sunday-school, is now ---

NEW YORK MAY possibly have the fair in 1992, but the chances are against it. Why should Gotham care for a centennial fair when it has the perennial Platt?

THE DEPOSITORS of the Sixth National Bank in New York should come to Washington and Induce Congress to declare that President Chasen was a disbursing officer of the Government.

THE ENGAGEMENT of Mr Balfour to Miss Tennant has been announced in London for the purpose, doubtless, of giving the funny men a chance to say she is not an Irish tenant, which they are all doing.

MR. HENRY C. FRICK. who contrib uted \$20,000 to the Republican campaign fund, dictated the appointment postmaster at Uniontown, Pa. There are symptoms that this Administration was bought and paid for long before it was inaugurated.

THE PROFITS OF THE PILLSBURG Plate-Glass Company for the year were \$950,000. Dividends of 23 per cent. and of 112 per cent, were declared. There is to the poor man one gleam of satisfaction in this-he doesn't need n uch plate glass in his business.

THE ST. LOUIS Globe-Democrat says: 'The debate in the Senate at Washington on negro emigration is highly interesting. The Democrats occupied most of the time." If the Globe-Democrat isn't careful it will be read out of the Republican party for making such concessions.

ALONG ABOUT THE first of January the Manchester Union observed that "Speaker Reed seems to be a very mild sort of an individual in the chair. A different man than when on the floor of the House." Well, yes, a very mild man is the Speaker-as mild as a March blizzard. Men change with events.

SILCOTT, HAVING SAID to a reporter best legal talent in Canada and felt assured that he had committed no offense for which he could be extradited, on Friday fled from the residence of the parents of the woman with whom he left Washington, where the reporter had interviewed him, and could not be found. Doubtless Silcott ascertained in the meantime that his legal adviser was at fault. The fugitive has been indicted for forgery, and that is an extraditable offense. The burden of proof rests at the point where the indictment was made-not at the foreign point to which the man charged with the crime

HELP THESE WHITE SLAVES. With exemplary faithfulness, Captain Cullen stands by Colonel Whit field in the outrageous tasks exacted of the unfortunate women in the mail bag repair shops. It is all "business." John Wanamaker, Postmaster-Gen eral, is silent as to the wrongs of these slaves, though he grows very indignant

over Arab slave raids in far-off Africa. THE CRITIC now appeals from the man to the master. We go direct from the C-street shop and the Postoffice to the White House We abandon the case before the Sunday school superintendent and his echoes and take it before the pillar of the Church, who sits in solemn if not wise silence in the White House.

THE CRITIC wants to know and our poses to find out whether all the piety thrown about this Administration is of a Pharisalcal order. If there is a Samaritan concealed in It, we are going to hunt him up and exalt him before the people-who detest humbug and hypocrisy-that they may honor him. President Harrison may be the man. THE CRITIC hopes so.

"WHAT FOOLS WE MORTALS BE" What is the right in general ?-especially what is it in politics? What is political morality? When does a man cease being a statesman and become a demagogue? Can a man be essentially right in politics if he tries ?-- if he tries in an agony of carnestness? What Is justice? We hear it spoken of every day by men in politics as though it were concrete-as though it could be seen and felt-as though it existed as plainly as the great monument to the father of his country which rises on the Potomac Flats. Speaker Reed pounds his desk for justice and the Democrats howl for justice on the floor below. The protectionist manufacturer wants a just tariff and the free trade consumer wants a just opportunity to purchase his goods in the cheapest market. The black man of the South wars against the injustice of the domination of the white man and the white man struggles against the injustice of negro control.

And the Constitution. What is the Constitution? Of course this is the act mainly for these and themselves. greatest country on the earth, and it has

WASHINGTON CRITIC | wisdom of the fathers-a, Constitution as immutable as the laws which regu late the movements of the stars. Some years ago the citizens of a large sec tion of the country rebelled. Did this endanger the Constitution? Not at all. Those citizens kept close and tender watch of the Constitution-it was their ark of the covenant; and the citizens of the other section warred against them with the battle-cry: "Preserve the Constitution!"

Millions of men were slain that the Constitution might be preserved-one way or the other. And finally one sec tion triumphed, and in the flush of victory it added to the Constitution still further constitutionalities. The defeated section could not rebel againits resources were exhausted; but to this day it refuses to be controlled by the ideas which animated those who physically mastered it. To this day it hugs the Constitution to its heart-the old Constitution—the unchangeable Constitution of the fathers-the majestic, supreme law of a free and patriotic

What is the Constitution? Ask Speaker Reed and he will tell you. Ask Crisp. He knows. McKinley can make it as plain to you as daylight on the mountain tops-as plain as right or justice-as plain as Carlisle can. We have had three days of Constitution in the House; members have thrown it at each other with all the enthusiasm of a dynamiter engaged in the destruction of society. Anybody ought to know what the Constitution is. What is it?

What is the right in politics? Reed fights for it now; not long ago he fought for it on the other side. Now he denies what then he said. Carlisle rises from a sick bed to come to battle for the right-and he denies his past, like Reed. Reed stands where Carlisle stood, and Carlisle's feet are firmly planted in the tracks which Reed had made. Every member of the House who has had a record is violating itreason has been lost in pandemonium, consistency has gone glimmering and logic bas faded like a wraith.

But right, the eternal right, prevails. Thank God for that. But where?

WHERE MR. BRUCE SHOULD BE. Aside from the question of political expediency or fairness, your appointment, ex-Senator Bruce, to the District Recordership suggests a rather discouraging requital of the love of spoils.

Both as a citizen and a propertyholder, you may be deserving and competent, Mr. Bruce. So, too, may you pe entitled to the place as a party politician. But are you playing a part. honorable and courageous, toward the struggling people whom you represent? Are you glorifying the race which has honored you in the past and would do so again?

In short, is it enjoying the ease and emoluments of office in Washington you should be when your splendid intellect and great influence are needed by those whom you know are oppressed-by those who are still loyal to your memory, and who, perhaps, still hold you in tender reverence? Do you not in your perfectly conscious moments feel that you are leaving a vacant place at

the head of the column? Why turn your back on Mississippi, Mr. Bruce, when to fight for your principles and your people there would be courageous, noble, holy! Every now and then we hear from the evilence gathered by the represent of your own party in the Senate, tales of persecution and injustice suffered by the negroes of Mississippi, who seem to have no means of redress save those they may exercise through the State laws. It is common in these material, unchivalrous times to excuse the man who fights and runs away that he may live to fight another day. But as the leader, not of a party but of a people, you would not take refuge behind so mean a saying. Would you not be a greater man warring for the enforcement of the laws in Mississippi, struggling for the rights of a cowed, down-trodden majority, than to be wasting your abilities and life lolling about in the nursery of the Republican party in Washington? Or must we come to the cheerless conviction that the colored politician has no passion outside those of partisanship, no ambition holler than that of self-gain?

RICH MEN IN POLITICS. The recent election of Calvin Brice

to the United States Senate has not been accepted as a triumph of the politicianmillionaire solely. While there has been every reason to believe that his immense fortune materially influenced his success no positive proof of bribery has been presented by those who, in a general way, have accused him of buy ing up the Ohio Legislature in squads. For want of evidence THE CHITIC SUSpends judgment as to the rectitude of his canvass, though to believe him wholly wronged by the charges made one would have to know him as the most extraordinarily high-minded man of his age. His experience, however, more than that of any member of the august body which he is soon to join, has emphasized the question, whether riches should be prejudicial to political ambition and public honor. Certainly not. Men who have acquired wealth through industry and intelligence should rank among the most desirable and the best navigators of the ship of State. That they usually do not. so many of them would wreck it as they might a railroad, with the same painless conscience and with about the same end in view, is an evil tendency springing not so much from their own motion as from the major impulse of the period. Men who acquire wealth nowadays are either hardened by the process, like the miser, or compromised like the corporation agent. Few succeed in going back to the good and generous thoughts they sometimes had when poor. They seek political seizure. It was accompanied by activity, not because they have ardent universal principles or ideas they wish to put into action, but because of the confirmation the honor, socially, seems to give to the ability which raised them above the financial condition of their fellows. They are usually the offspring of great money interests or the representatives of great money power. They People distrust and dislike the rich

fear him. He is ungenerous, indifferent to them as a whole. He is overcoming them with an increasing force which they have falled to modify or stay. He takes from them all he can get and derives no pleasure in giving to them in return, Worse than all else, he is another Bibulus in legislation-a foolish follower of party leadership or a supporter of selfish measures.

Thoughtful visitors who venture into the galleries of Congress seek instinctively with their eyes such a venerable figure as that of Mr. Payne to marvel why he is there. They look upon the corporation attorneys on either side and ask themselves if these are sincere men of State-if they represent the growth and hope of the grandest democracy under the sun. Occasionally a Stanford in the Senate or a Washburne in the House fills the view, to arouse the memory of good deeds quietly done with wealth and to cause the scoffer shame; but this vista of the Legislature of Mammon is, on the whole, dreary and dissatisfying. Mr. Brice may add to the meagre beauties and healthfer inspiration of the scene.

THE LOTTERY BUSINESS. By taking advantage of the law's delays the Louisiana Lottery people in this District have succeeded in avoiding the penalty of their misdemeanors. The laws are so numerous and so complieated that unusual opportunities are afforded unscrapulous persons to keep them in contempt. Chief among the violators are the agents of the Louisiana State Lottery Company. Some years ago an office was fixed up on Seventh street, opposite the Patent Office, to serve as headquarters. Advertisements were prepared giving as one address at which tickets could be got.

M. A. DAUPHIN, Seventh street northwest, Washington, D. C.

This bold attempt to New Orleanize Washington failed. There could be no winking at such an open violation of the law by the authorities, notwithstanding the winking capabilities of the authorities at that time. The place was closed

Another office, scarcely less public, was kept in a certain place until the person who controlled, if he did not actually and entirely own property, became a District Commissioner. Then the agent had to move. But the agent continued to do, and is now doing, business for the Lottery Company. Occasionally he is arrested. He furnishes bonds promptly and that is the end of it. Nor is he the only agent of the Louisiana Company engaged in violating the laws under what looks very much like the protection of the author ities.

Yesterday a poor fellow who runs a cobbling shop was in the Police Court, charged with selling policy ckets. Perhaps he did. The testi mony was strong against him. But, if he had had money, he would have escaped in the usual way.

Why should not the District Committee take this matter in hand. The selling of lottery tickets in this District can be broken up easily enough, if it is gone about in the right way.

THE LEGISLATIVE GRIP. A strange and mysterious maiady is West Virginia, immediately after the general election of 1888. It has since appeared in other and distant parts of the country, so that it must be a disease of infection, the germs of which are transmitted in the air. For lack of a better or more scientific name, we

call it the legislative grip. No sooner was West Virginia seized than she became an object of interest throughout the Union. Ordinarily she is as humdrum and monotonous as her own mountains. It has proved an obstinate disease in her case, deep-seated and slow, and has not yet been overcome. The germ is classed by experts as belonging to the Gubernatorial order of bacilli.

As the cholera spreads over the world. from Asia, the yellow fever from South America and the influenza from Russia; so the legislative grip has spread over the Union from West Virginia.

In Montana it found congenial soil. It took violent hold of the Legislature immediately after the election which brought her into the Union, the attack being not only severe but prolonged. The Gubernatorial bacillus appears to have been absent in this case, being replaced by a very virulent germ called the Senatorial microbe.

Iowa, too, has it in a complicated form, the Gubernatorial bacillus and the Senatorial microbe both being present. The patient suffers terribly. There have been prolonged consultations between the best and most expert political physicians of all the political schools of Iowa, but they differ as widely in their diagnosis as they diverge in the treatment they propose. Just now the patient is suffering from considerable nervous depression superinduced by an untimely cold water douche pre scribed by certain prohibition empiries. Railway travel is recommended by Dr. Depew, while the practitioners of the granger school utterly oppose this advice, and say that the patient is already exhausted by a drastic course of railroadism.

Out in Ohio a mild form of the legislative grip took hold upon the Senate The Senatorial microbe was, fortunately absent. The only germ which appeared was the sub-gubernatorial, commonly known as the Lieutenant-Governor. It was easily and speedily expelled from the body, and the only thing now needed is a few days of complete rest and leed drinks. There is, however, danger of relapse.

The malady appeared in this city last Wednesday, the House suffering from an exceedingly severe and violent a great desire to make a noise and to gesticulate wildly. The whole body was in a violent commotion and talked and shouted and yelled "and pounded as though bereft of its senses. Yet by a most wonderful paradox the head was the coolest and calmest member of the body. This attack was caused by a peculiar bacillus which has never before made its appearance in this section. It a Constitution born in the infinite clear man in politics because they secretly is scarcely known to political science,

not being mentioned in the ruling books heretofore accepted as standard. It has been noticed previously to this time only in certain distant and minor legislative bodies, but it has never been

REER to a hint. A New York man has en sent to prison for refusing to pay \$400 that he borrowed from his wife before their narriage. The young woman who has the resight to lend a few hundred to her mtended provides for a chesp and convenient means of divorce.

A TELEGRAM TO-DAY from Covington Neb., says that "eight saloons, three whole sale liquor houses and three restaurants. comprising the principal business portion of the town, were burned." What were the three restaurants doing in Covington anyway? A delightful progressive angling party

was given last night by Miss Coombs, No 1311 Twentieth street, in honor of Western friends who are visiting her. The prizes were marvels of workmanship and originality of design. After music and dancing the ompany dispersed. THE REV. DR. HAMLIN objects to the

ying of Sunday newspapers on the streets of Washington. THE CRITIC Is ready to accommodate the gentleman. A traly good newspaper does not need crying-it speaks

A PENNSYLVANIA farmer thought hi pired man was not keeping a good watch upon the stable, so he spooked around it one night and got a charge of shot in his leg. Of course he dismissed the hired man. A MASSACHUSETTS SENATOR has intro

uced a bill to require cities to furnish pub

He hearses and caskets at reduced rates. One by one they are adding inducements to people to die up in that State. THE COLORED MAN may have his mo ments of political despondency; but what are they compared with the hours of satis-

faction which he gleans from a contemplation of Peter Jackson? WE DO NOT KNOW exactly what nepenthe means, but we surmise that a touch of it is to be found in the fact that several coal nine companies have failed on account of

the mild winter. THEY ARE TALKING of establishing a pub lie bath in Chicago. As a good many strangers visit Chicago in the course of the year, a public bath will be a useful thing

THE Arkansas Gazette remarks the Speaker Reed is a bully. The Republican dea is that the remark should be amended by the omission of the word "a." A BURGLAR ENTERED the residence of a

Chicago lawyer the other night and was fortunate enough to escape without being ANDREW CARNEGIE says that "a college ducation is of no value in assisting a man

to a fortune." He ought to know. IMMEDIATE STEPS should be taken to change the name of New York to Plattsyl-

WASN'T THERE a Miss Bisland who tarted out to do something a long time

A migh Takiff makes cheap land. body can afford to cultivate it. NEW YORK BANKS seem to be run on the

Sileott principle. THE GROWLER

PERSICIOUS ADVERTISING. Editor Critic: I noticed an advertisement! the Star of a few weeks ago, in the most ex pensive portion of that paper, headed "Bet ter than Gold." wherein the Plainfield Add tion Company of Castle Rock, Col., offer to give lots to applicants. I, being willing to affecting the body politic. It appears accept a lot, answered the advertisement to have originated in the mountains of and received a printed letter, circulars, etc. stating that all the free lots were gone, and offering me the choice of a number at what ned to be a very low figure. Now after the lapse of a couple of weeks, the Star again inserts the same advertisement, and robably will a couple of weeks hence. Why lo this if the lots are gone? THE CRITIC has se the papers a good example in refusing the advertisements of lotteries and questions hemes, and it will do any newspaper more harm than good to forward and enc such schemes in their columns for the ten porary gain of a few dollars. The news papers are, or should be, "public educator and defenders of right," and everything det rimental to the best interests of the

hould be 'shown up" in its true ligh t. PUBLIC VEHICLES. Editor Critic: The appearance and condition of many of the public vehicles in this city suggest very forcibly the adoption of a method of designation at sight which is said to obtain in the city of Mexico, where publicarriages are cheap and plentiful. There they are graded in four classes and the charge per hour is fixed by city regula

tions as follows: First-class, blue flag. \$1 second-class, red flag, 75 cents; third-class white flag, to cents, and extra class, green flag, \$1.50. Tin flags indicating class are dis played on the front corner of the roof f each coach when not engaged. By a system of inspection the grade would be fixed and the public made aware on sight

of the character of the vehicles, and at the same time the varying pocket power could readily adapt and adjust itself to the occa-

The effect of such a regulation would be to ltimately weed out most of the disr nveyances at so many of the stands in this beautiful city.

THE OLD GAME. The New York Star contains the following JACK-HIGH-At the residence of Joh

Jack, Wednesday, January 82, by the Rev. Homer Wallace, James H. Jack of Denver, Col., to Lizzie High of New York. No cards, of course.

CHANGE OF CONDITIONS. A commentation on Washington Journal sm says that "while the Capital's condition may have been critical, THE CRITIC'S cor dition is capital." - Washington Post.

A GRAMMATICAL ROMANCE

A cultured Boston girl was she: He, handsome, rich, but from Chicago; And how our mother-tongue did fare When'er he let his Wild West jaw go

He'd conned the rules of grammar, too, But falled to put them into practice: He knew the righteous ways of speech, But trod them not, the simple fact is

Elizabeth Barrett Browning Blobbs Be mine! You've learned me love's swe Il never wed no other girl!" He cried, in wild Chicago fashion

Really," Miss E B. B. Blobbs oried. And high her cultured ire had risen, If you can't use more proper speech

Chleago cried, no whit flustrated, "Listen's a verb; and verbs, I (hink, Are not declined, but conjugated;

(He'd wheat in many an elevator) That all she said was, "I'm your verb;"

ble wanted him to conjugate her

Decline to listen! No you don't!

SOCIETY.

Postmaster-General and Mrz. Wanamaker gave the most elegant dinner of the spason last evening in honor of the President and Mrs. Harrison. The circular, table was set for twenty-eight guests. The centre-piece of white illace rested on a gold-rimmed mirror lake, bordered with lilles of the valley and a deep feathery fringe of maidens bair ferns. Similar smaller floral devices flanked the centre-piece on four sides, with Marguerites in place of the lilace. Corsage bouquets were of Puritan roses and white Parma violets tied with white and gold ribbons. Fancy white shades edged in gold capped the wax tapers. A notable feature of the dinner was the absence of wines, two glasses being set at each plate, one for ice water and the other for Appolinaris. The guests were President and Mrs. Harrison, Vice-President Mrs. Morton, Attorney-General and Mrs. Miller, Secretary and Mrs. Tracy, Secretary and Mrs. Noble, Secretary and Mrs. Rusk, Secretary Proctor, Speaker and Mrs. Reed, Senator and Mrs. Hale, ex-Senator and Mrs. Platt, Mrs. Rodney Wanamaker of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison Brown of New York.

MRS. TYLER'S TEA Mrs. Augustus Cleveland Tyler gave handsome tea yesterday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Barns, of New York. The pretty lamp-lighted parlors were filled throughout the afternoon with the leading resident society of the season. Mrs. Gould presided at a small round table in the first parlor, serving bot punch. In the tea room were Mrs. Barney of Cincinnati, Mrs. John Rodgers, Mrs. Frank Loring and Miss Ashford. Among the guests were General Benet, General Baird, Admiral and Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Edward Halliday, Mrs. Langborne, Mrs. N. S. Lincoln, Dr. and Mrs Hammond, Surgeon-General and Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Washington McLean, Mrs. Hitt, Mrs. McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Addison, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Steele, Mrs. Tucker, Miss Alger, Countess Lanza, Miss Vinton of New York, Mrs. Joseph N Carey, Mrs. and Miss Fuller, Miss Shepard, Mr. and Miss Butchinson of New York Miss Condit Smith, Miss Whitney of Califormia, Miss Edes, Colonel Carpenter, Mrs. Alexander Magruder, Mrs. Fenner Lee, Miss Carroll, Mr. Barney, Mrs. Harry Dodge, Major Anderson, Mrs. Jeremiah Wilson, Miss Anna Wilson and Hon. Morten McMichael.

THE DOLPH DINNER. Scuntor and Mrs. Dolph gave a handsome dinner party last evening, at which the decorations were of ferns and orchids. Among the guests were Chief Justice and Mrs. Fuller, the Mexican Minister and Madam Romero, the British Minister and Lady Pauncefote, Senator and Mrs. Mc Pherson, Dr. and Mrs. Hammond, Baron de Struve, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, General Beale, Mrs. Hazen, Mrs. Wilmerding, Miss Ida Thompson.

VARIOUS SOCIAL MENTION. Mrs. Aldis gave a theatre party last even

Ex-Marshal McMichael is in the city for brief stay. Miss Wanamaker gave a theatre part last evening.

Miss Clem Smith gave a theatre part ast evening. Mrs. Leland Stanford has issued card-

for a tea from 4 to 7, February 14. Mr. and Mrs. Laughorne have returned from Aiken after a brief stay of several

Mrs. Kearney Warren, Mrs. Pellew and Mrs. C. C. Glover will give dinner parties to-night.

Miss Cook has returned to her home in Bethlehem Pa., after a visit to General and Mrs. Wright. Mrs. Logan was assisted at her reception

vesterday by Mrs. John C. Black, Miss Alger and Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. George N. Beale will return to-day from Staten Island, where she was called a

fortnight since by the illness of her son to law, Major D. P. Heap. Among the numerous teas of yesterday afternoon were those given by Senator and Mrs. Aldrich, Mrs. Church, and Mrs. Isaac Henderson to her guest, Miss Cottler, of

Mr. George Sullivan, son of the late Algernon Sullivan of New York, has been spending the week with his aunt. Mrs. Tilford, at 1915 Nineteenth street. Mr

Sullivan will return to New York on Mor Mrs. Dr. J. B. Ten Eyck of 1601 O street will be at home Saturdays in February. On Saturday, the 8th, she will be assisted in receiving by Mrs. L. A. Crandall, Mrs. Emily F. Hort, Miss Parker of Buffalo,

and others. Mrs. General Gilman and daughter held an enjoyable reception yesterday, assisted by their guest, Miss Young of Maine, and several friends. Miss Gilman and Miss Young are both fine musicians and play charmingly together.

Mrs. Jules Guthridge held her last recep tion for the season yesterday, assisted by Miss Duhamel, Miss Boyle, Miss Wiggins, Miss Smith and Miss Wright. The occasion was marked as one of the most enjoyable of the pleasant series.

DEPARTMENT GRIEVANCES

ill reasonable complaints and criticisms fro Government employes will be published in this column. Name and address of writes are required, not for publication, but as an

earnest of good faith.

Editor Critic: At the beginning of each Congress the President submits the estimates of the heads of the Departments of the amounts required for the ensuing fiscal year. These estimates are referred to the Committee on Appropriations of the House after year requests are made for small in-creases in the salaries of deserving clerks. who, as the Secretaries well know, work early and late and have to deal with and practically decide important questions. Each year these requests are contemptuously ignored, and that, too, without the slightest effort on the part of any member of the com-mittee to ascertain whether or not there is merit in the recommendation. As the case stands, a trifling, drunken clerk, with social or other influence, is as highly regarded by the Appropriations Committee as one who is alert, industrious and efficient. No difference s made between the two by the committee and if it is suggested that the head of the Department should dismiss the inefficient clerk, the chances are that powerful Congressional pressure would be forthcoming to secure the retention of the worthless one.

As a cold fact, the head of a Department knows the needs of his establishment better than any Congressman. Just why the smal ody of men composing the Committee on Appropriations should be permitted to dis tate, not only to the heads of Departments, but to the entire Congress, is by no means c'ear, and self respect should prevent Rep resentatives from submitting to such dicta The Appropriations Committee pre pare the bills in private, and at their pleasure report them. For discussions hardly. Any member who arises to correct an abuse or right a wrong is taken off his feet by a point of order, and the bonorable mbers bow their heads and weakly allow their collars to be snapped on. Take the Navy Department as an illustration. There are men there in charge of important duties who are paid less than messengers or door-keepers in Congress. Is this right? Is there no man in Congress with sand enough to stand up in his place and demand that an end he put to the despotle away of a few men who are unable to distinguish between

conomy and meanness! A DEPARTMENT CLERK. THE DIRTY STREETS.

Contractor Drancy Says He Covers the "The streets of the city of Washing ton are swept according to the schedules furnished me," said Mr. Draney to THE CRITIC man this morning in reply to a question touching the filthy condition of some of the streets. "So far as my machinery is concerned," he continued, "I have facilities for sweeping 100,000,000 yards instead of 750,000. Save a very few cold nights the sched-ules have been carried out. It may be the appropriation is running short. See Major Moore or Superintendent Ar-

Major Moore was found in his office looking over a large batch of applications for positions on the force. It was found that when the appropriation reached the department it had been cut down from \$85,000 to \$64,043.85, the difference in the amount having been paid for work done during the previous year, the contract price being more than allowed by Congress. Mr. Draney's contract dates from July 1, 1887, and is for five years at a figure slightly in advance of the price Congress. gress thinks the work is worth.

The appropriation is now in such a fix as to force Major Moore to bring the monthly expenses to about \$6,000. Nine streets are swept daily, ten tri-weekly, twenty semi-weekly, eighteen bi-weekly, and one hundred and six weekly. More money is wanted and

PLUMBERS PROTEST.

A Delegation Calls Upon the Commis-The following gentlemen from the Master Plumbers' Protective Association called upon the Commissioners this morning to enter their protest against the plumbing bill now before Congress: Frank Hannan, Eugene C. Hannan, Edward Gorman, John Keppel, George F. Schafer and J. W. Hurley.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT NOTES. W. E. Shankland, garbage inspector, as to-day transferred to the position of street inspector at \$2.50 per diem. The application of Francis Hall for retail liquor license at 923 Eleventh street northwest was reconsidered yes-

terday and rejected. Ex-Senator Bruce, the recently nom inated Recorder of Deeds, called on Commissioner Douglass this morn-

THE DRUM POINT RAILWAY. Efforts to Secure the Extension to This

City. Messrs. Albert, Goldsborough and Mengis, representing the Drum Point Railroad Company, have been consulting the members of the House Committee on the District of Columbia with regard to the bill now pending before that committee, by which it is proposed to allow the railroad company to extend its lines to and within the imits of Washington. The delegation, after consulting Representative Comp-ton, were referred to Representative Atkinson of Pennsylvania, who is chairman of the sub-committee having the Drum Point bill in charge. Mr Atkinson said he would call the subcommittee together next week for the purpose of hearing such statements as he friends of the proposed measure have to submit.

Work of the Thieves.

It is reported by John R. Burr, Centre Market, that there was stolen from his wagon about 3 p. m. yesterday a box containing nineteen dressed chickens and eight and a half pounds of butter.

Thieves entered the house of D. W. Sanbridge, No. 62 I street northeast, yesterday by forcing a rear basement window. With the thieves went a considerable amount of culture window. kid gloves, a pair of trowsers and a vest. Overcoat thieves have been plying their vocation in the house of William

Berry, No. 620 A street northeast, at 7 o'clock last night. Housebreakers forced the rear, firsttory window of the house of John Lattimore, 649 Massachusetts avenue northeast, some time last night and

Assaulting an Officer.

Michael Green was called in the Police Court to-day to answer the charge of assaulting Officer Ferguson on Saturday. He was brutally kicking the officer when Officer Daly, another member of the force, arrived on the scene and rescued Ferguson. Green pleaded guilty and was committed to the grand jury.

Bribery in Rhode Island. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 1.-The House of Representatives has sustained charges of bribery at the last election in the town of New Shoreham, Block Island, by unseating J. G. Sheffield, jr., who had been declared by the moderator to have been elected. A new elec tion will be ordered.

Treasury Department Changes. The following-named persons have been ppointed under civil service rules: Harry

appointed under civil service rules: Harry M. Clapp of Utah Territory, to class one, and H. A. Cozzins of New Jersey, to class E, \$1,000, in the office of the Supervising Architect; H. C. Wilmoth of Texas, to class D, \$900, office of the Secretary.

The following-named persons have received appointments under amended Departmental rule 10, civil service rules, viz: E. C. Johnson of Werginla, to class D, \$900, office of the Comptroller of Currency; G. S. Torrence of New York, to class D, \$000, office of the Second Comptroller.

Promotions—G. W. Wheeler of New Jersey, from class 2 to class 3, First Auditor's Office; Lee Ullery of Illinois, from \$4 to \$5 per diem, and Miss J. S. Stubbins of Vermont, from \$3 to \$4 per diem, office of Supervising Architect; Frederick Mahan of Pennsylvania, has been appointed a messenger at \$840 per annum, office of the Second Comptroller.

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No HEADACHE after drinking Portner's Jenna Cabinet and Culmbacher Beers.

War Department Changes. Hubbard T. Smith of Indiana, class 2, djutant General's Office, has resigned. Albert F. Bayard of New York has been romoted from class 1 to class 2, office of

Moyer Herman of Louisiana has been promoted from class \$1,000 to class 1, office of the Adjutant General.

John F. Kelly of New York has been promoted from class \$1,000 to class 1, office of the Adjutant General. oromoted from class of the Chief Engineer.
Alexander D. Beechy of Obio has declined a clerkship at \$1,000, office of the

Physicians hecommend R. Portner Brewing Co.'s Beers for the grip. Burial Permits Issued.

Burial permits have been fessued by the Health Officer during the past twenty-four hours as follows: Alfred Moss, 33 years; Franklin S. Day, 10 years; Julia M. F. Houghtaling, 34 years; Edward C. Shisner, 24 years; James Kennelly, 72 years; Margarett Hogan, 57 years; Margarett May, 51 Ulysees B. McLain, 1 year; Wm. McK. Tucker, 60 years; Charles Gardiner, 77 years; James Gourley, 45 years; George A. Churchill, 69 years; James Coates, 50 years; and colored; Eliza Smallwood, 36 years; James Morgan, 34 years; James Morgan, 34 years; Burial permits have been issued by the James Morgan, 34 years.

PHYSICIANS Brewing Co.'s Boers for the grip. You can order THE CHITIC by postalcard-t will be sent to your address every even. ing for 35 cents.

NEW YORK BANK FAILURES.

Money Advanced to Reimburse Some of the Depositors. NEW YORK, Feb. 1 .- At 11:55 this morning the following notice was posted on the door of the Sixth Na-

tional Bank: Mr. Leland has advanced funds sufficient to guarantee payment of depositors in full at as early a date as proper arrangements can be made for that purpose. A. B. HEPBURN, Examiner.

The bank was still closed, however, this morning, and no official information was obtained with regard to the particulars of the arrangement. A clerk of the bank, however, said that the arrangement had been made by Mr. Hep-burn's attorney, Mr. Wetmore, in con-nection with the clearing house.

Death of a Prominent Californian.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1 .-- Archie Borland, one of the most prominent mining operators on the coast, died yes terday at his home in Oakland. He came to California in 1852 and at once went into mining. He began like Mr. McKay and Mr. Fair, as a common miner, and he knew the whole business thoroughly. He went to Virginia City when the Comstock excitement broke out. He was the largest outside holder of Consolidated Virginia and California when the great bonanza was discovered, and at the height of the boom he could have retired with \$5,000,000. afterward emerged with about \$3,000, 000. Of late years he has operated many mines in Montana and Idaho, and he owned, with George W. Grayson, a big cattle ranch forty miles square in Sierra County, New Mexico.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 1.-Merritt Tappan, stable superintendent for Beerman Brothers of Berlin, Germany, is in this city, and to-day bought four young blooded horses of Robert Siren for \$1,875. Two carloads of horses bought in the West by this firm passed through here last night en route to Germany. Among them were Little Thorne, 2:334; Razor B, 2:25; Kitty G, 2:334, and Gen-eral Garfield, the stallion. Other pur-chases of blooded stock will be made at Rome, N. Y. In New York, Dan Jenkins, 2:244 will be added to the string. The total purchases will aggregate

American Horses for Germany.

The President Honored in Caba. HAVANA, Feb. 1 .- For the first time in the history of Cuba the health of the President of the United States was toasted here yesterday. With a silver spade, made in New York, General Cabada, representing the Captain-Gen-eral, broke ground for the new water works. At the banquet which followed the Civil Governor responded to a toast by proposing the health of the Presi-dent. Consul-General Williams replied, saying that the United States never forgot that Spain showed the Pilgrim Fathers the way to America.

Their Blood Did Not Circulate. Boston, Mass., Feb. 1.-During the exercises attendant upon the presentation of a flag to the Latin School yesterday afternoon five boys in the battalion fainted and had to be carried from the drill hall. This is attributed to the lack of ventilation in the Latin School building. But General Hobart Moore. the military instructor, stated that the boys fainted simply because of lack of circulation of the blood. The presentation speech was very long, and the boys, who had been drawn up in the "order arms,"

fully fifteen minutes. Haight Had a Narrow Escape, TROY, N. Y., Feb. 1 .- Bobby Haight of Hudson and Jack Dugan of this city fought a prize-fight yesterday. Haight forced the fight, and in the fourth round gave Dugan a swinging blow on the jugular vein and knocked him out. Haight had to make a hasty escape to avoid the angry crowd that backed

Dugan. Funeral of Jean Hosmer. BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 1.-Jean Hos mer, the actress, who died on Tuesday, was buried yesterday. Miss Hosmer

had recently been teaching elecution and playing with "barn-storming" companies. The rooms in which she of hemorrhage were absolutely squalid. Dropped Dead at His Post.

FORT WAYNE, IND., Feb. 1.-Charles Gorman, a locomotive engineer on the Nickel Plate Railroad, started out for Chicago yesterday, and when at Hammond, seven miles out, dropped dead of heart disease while the train was to make the original 500 miles. running.

Held for Another Appearance. In the Criminal Court this morning in the case of Leonard Finicum, charged with the larceny of a watch, the defendant was held for appearance under \$300 bonds. Mary E. Finicum and Stokely S. Finicum became his surcties.

Paris, Feb. 1 .- There were Boulangist and Socialist meetings last night. each of which ended in a free fight. Several persons were badly injured some stoned and some stabled.

English Mine Owners to Combine. LONDON, Feb. 1 .-- At a meeting of the colliery owners of Great Britain it was decided that, in view of the combinations of the men to coerce employers, it is necessary that the mine owners also should form a federation to protect their own interests.

Action will be taken immediately to put his purpose into effect. Shipping Imbroglio

VIENNA, Feb. 1.-The Hamburg-Ameri can Company and the North German Lloyd Company have jointly relinquished the Austrian concession of mail service and closed their offices in Vienna in consequence of the attacks made upon them by the Austrian press.

Austrian press. Our Squadron of Evolution. Paris, Feb. 1.-The American Squadon of Evolution will arrive at Toulon early in February and will remain twenty days. The vessels of the squadon will take on a fresh supply of provisions there.

The President's Trip. Robert McKee, the President's son-in-law was among to-day's arrivals at the White House, and he will remain here several weeks with his family. Monday afternoon the President will leave for New York, to be present at the centennial exe

Suicide of a Variety Actress. NEW YORK, Feb. 1 .- Mrs. Lottle Griffin. variety actress, died at an early hour this morning from the effects of a dose of paria-green she took yesterday with suicidal in-tent, at her home, 227 Chrystle street. She was 26 years old. No cause for the act is given, but it is supposed that she was jestous of her husband's attention to other

CAUGHT her hands: "Now listen, Namie Why is it, dear, you sweeter grow?" She said and laughed, "It's Frangipauni, Which comes from ATRINSON, you know

DRINK PORVSOR'S BEER. It drives away maiaria, grip and other prevailing disease Call up telephone No. 251-2 and order Tun turric delivered to you for 35 cents a

MUCH PROPERTY DESTROYED.

Disastrous Fire in a Kansas City Packing House

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 1.—A disastrous fire occurred last night at the plant of the Kansas City Packing Com-pany and the Chase Refrigerator Company, in Kansas City, Kan. The flames started at midnight in the lard room of the hog-killing department. they were discovered the lower part was in flames, and by the time the fire department arrived on the scene the flames had communicated ugh the ceiling to the floor above While the department was fighting the fire in that quarter the blaze spread the building occupied by the fertilizing department. It became evident that both buildings were doomed and the firemen turned their attention to saving the adjoining structures. In this they were successful. The loss is about

\$100,000; fully insured. SKELETONS EXHUMED.

An Indian Cemetery Discovered in New Jersey. MAY'S LANDING, Feb. 1 .- Full onehalf of the people living within a radius of five miles of Edgewater and Pleasantville have flocked to the site of the unearthed tomb of the people who at one time ruled that land. Eight skeletons were taken up at one place and others have been found. Among the skeletons was one whose skull was found encased in tortoise shell ornaments, oyster shells and beads. It is probably that of the once powerful chief Kinewaugha, whose descendants still live along the shore. Four skelctons were dug up there and a little further on more were found to-day. Before the avenue is completed probably

THE MISSING STEAMER ERIN.

Hopes of Her Safety Dispelled by the Arrival of the Gibraltar. .LONDON, Feb. 1 .- Hopes had been entertained here that the first vessel to ar-

hundreds will be exhumed.

rive from the Azores would bring news of the safety of the National Line steamer Erin, Captain Tyson, from New York for London, now long overdue. These hopes, however, were dis-pelled to day upon the arrival of the British steamer Gibraltar, from St. Michael. The Gibraltar reports that up to the time of her sailing nothing had been heard at the Azores of the

A Doctor Flees from Justice Troy, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Dr. Milton Parsons of Sandlake has disappeared and the police are looking for him. He is accused, on the oath of District At-torney Kelly, with causing the death of Emma C. Sharpe, the young and accomplished wife of a rich farmer. who died about ten days ago, it is said, of malpractice. When it became known that Parsons had disappeared these suspicions increased, and yesterday the body was disinterred and the autopsy made by Drs. Pontecon and Morris cor firmed the suspicions. The Coroner then issued a warrant for Parsons' ar-rest. The Doctor left his family bahind and is supposed to have gone

West. Classen's Bail Fixed At \$30,000

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 .- President Peter Classen, of the wrecked Sixth National Bank, who was arrested last night charged with violation of the United States banking laws, was arraigned be-fore Commissioner Shields this morn-ing. The examination was asked to be adjourned and the commissioner set the hearing down for Wednesday next at 2 o'clock. The bail was fixed at \$30,000 and Classen was given into the mar-shal's custody to await bondsmen.

Parnell's Latest Advice. DETROIT, Feb. 1 .- The following cablegram has been received by President Fitzgerald of the Irish National League of America from Dublin:

"Parnell strongly advises that no convention be held by League in America at present. General election pending Urge our friends to redouble their ef fort to place us in a position for the contest. T. Harrington, M. P., secretary; J. E. Kenney, M. P., treasurer.'

The Caspian Driven to Liverpool. LIVERPOOL, Feb. 1.-The steamship Caspian has brought hither many passengers bound from Baltimore Halifax to St. Johns. The ship being unable to make St. Johns on ac count of ice, the passengers were forced to go on to Liverpool, where they must stay a fortnight, thus taking six weeks

To be Made Princes. LONDON, Feb. 1 .- With the Queen's

become princes of the blood. Reports of a Fatal Explosion. WILEESBARRE, PA., Feb. 1 .- A report just received from Plymouth states that an explosion occurred at 11 o'clock this morn ing in the Nottingham shaft of the Lehigh

Young Men in Trouble. LYNCHBURG, VA., Feb. 1 .- City Sergeant Day is bustly engaged summoning a long list of persons, mostly young men, to appear before the grand jury to give evidence concerning certain houses of ill-repute. Coming on the heels of the gambling agi-tation this indicates that the "reformers"

Portugal After Our Guns a contract with the firm of Krupp for a supply of war material, but falled for want of money, and is now negotiating with the United States for the immediate purchase of torpedoes, gunboats and 200,000 maga-rine rifles.

The Schooner John Handcock Safe.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.-The schooner John Haudcock, reported seized by pirates yesterday off the coast of Lower California, arrived here safely last night.

No one thinks of traveling without carrying along Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. 35 cents.

Arrested for No Known Cause. SOFIA, Feb. 1. - Major Panitza and several other officers of the army have been ar-rested. The cause of their arrest is not

James Horbert Gustave Meredyth Somer-ville) has been declared a bankrupt.

RING UP 788-6 and order a case of Portner's Vienna Cabinet Beer. The best in the market.

approval, a special bill will be introduced early in the next session of Parliament to legitimatize the Duke of Cambridge's sons by his morganatic wife, lately deceased. They will thus They will thus

and Wilkesbarre Coal Company at that place. It also states that a number of men are imprisoned in the mire, but reliable particulars cannot be learned at this writing.

are resolved to turn on the light with a Lisnon, Feb. 1 .- Portugal tried to make

Struck on Account of Apprentices. BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 1.-The employes at Wilkens' Hair Factory, on the Frederick Road, struck this morning because the firm insisted fipon entering a larger number of apprentices than the agreement allowed.

MAKE no mistake. Buy Salvation Oil, the genuine family remedy. It kills pain. 25 cents.

ALL THE LEADING restaurants have Port-ner's Vienna Cabinet and Culmbacher Beers on draught. Call for it. A Lordly Bankrupt. LONBON, Feb. 1 .- Lord Athlumney (Sir